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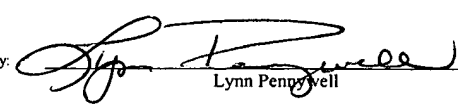
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PALLADIUM-CONTAINING DEVICES
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Applicants request entry of the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this letter.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Appendices A-C, which include evidence of deposit of the above-referenced application, evidence of incorporation by reference, and copies of Figures 47-50, respectively, are attached following page 4 of this letter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the attached Figures 47-50 between Figure 46 and Figure 50 of the present application.